

Village of Old Bennington
Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 5, 20201

Meeting held via telepresence using Zoom.com

Officials present: Trustees Susan Wright, Jim Warren, Ron Rabidou, and Steven Anisman, as well as Clerk James Gallen and Treasurer Kathy Wagenknecht

Officials absent: Charles Edson

Residents Present: None.

1. Opening. Ron Rabidou called the meeting to order at 7:04.
2. Approval of minutes.
 - a. There were no changes to the posted minutes.
 - b. Ron moved to approve the posted minutes for the December 1st Trustees meeting. Jim seconded the motion, and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.
3. Citizen comments.
 - a. No comments were made.
4. Reports of commissioners and officers.
 - a. Road Commissioner.
 - i. Road Erosion Control Inventory.
 - We have 20 road segments. Every 100 feet or so is considered a road segment. 16 of our road segments are hydrologically connected.
 - A report is being completed for us on the status of our road erosion control inventory.
 - ii. Storm Damage Repair Policy Update (Rabidou).
 - We have not received any petitions to contest the implementation of the ordinance.
 - Susan Wright mentioned that the town of Bennington's roads policy is comprehensive, and some elements can be used to help improve our own policies.
 - iii. Plowing and Salting Policy (Warren and Wright).
 - The town of Bennington has 160 miles worth of roads. They have 3,335 tons of salt. We use 155 tons to maintain our 3 miles of road. We use substantially more salt per mile than the town uses.
 - The roads appear to be salted and plowed diligently in light

amounts of snow, but they were neglected for quite a bit during the large snow storm last month.

- The village, through Jim, is going to pursue if the Town of Bennington would be interested in being a part of the bidding process for snow removal next year.
- Ron suggested limiting sidewalk plowing to only be performed after a storm is over.
- Ron proposed doing research into standards for roads and sidewalks when it comes to snow removal. This would be used to construct a policy for the village.
- Susan will discuss the sidewalk snow removal policy with Jerome.

iv. Other.

b. Tree Commissioner.

i. The trees are in good shape.

c. Parks and Sidewalks Commissioner.

i. Donna's Bench.

- The marble pad has been installed. The bench has been delayed because of the low temperatures.

ii. Plowing and Salting Policy (to be discussed in connection with Item 4 a iii above).

iii. Other

d. Police Commissioner.

i. No report was given.

e. Treasurer.

i. Only three properties are delinquent on paying their property tax.

ii. The town of Bennington mistakenly got the PILOT money. It is being sent to us next week.

5. Warrants.

a. Ron moved to approve the warrants. Steven Anisman seconded the motion and the Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

6. Old business.

a. There was no old business.

7. New business.

a. Revised Zoning Permit Fee Schedule.

i. Ron moved to adopt the permit fee schedule as proposed by Bob Bullington. Jim seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent.

b. Other.

8. Adjourn.

a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.